Hinduri language

Hinduri (or Handuri; <u>Takri</u>: (ଓଡୁଣି/ଓଡୁଣି) is a <u>Western Pahari</u> language of northern India.

Script

The native script of the language is <u>Takri</u>.

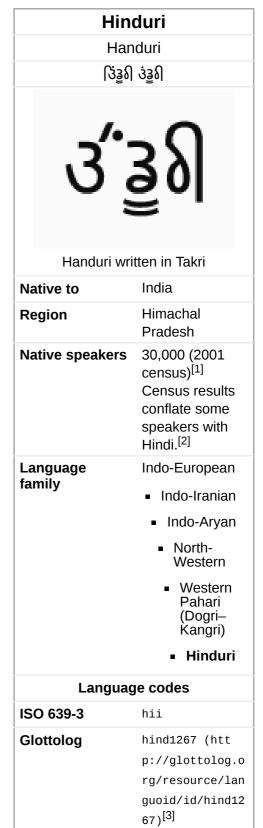
Status

The language is commonly called <u>Pahari</u> or <u>Himachali</u>. Some speaker may even call it a dialect of Punjabi or <u>Dogri</u>. The language has no official status. According to the <u>United Nations Education</u>, <u>Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO)</u>, the language is of critically endangered category, i.e. the youngest speakers of Handuri are generally grandparents or older and they too speak it infrequently or partially.^[4]

The demand for the inclusion of 'Pahari (Himachali)' under the Eight Schedule of the Constitution, which is supposed to represent multiple Pahari languages of Himachal Pradesh, had been made in the year 2010 by the state's Vidhan Sabha. [5] There has been no positive progress on this matter since then even when small organisations are taking upto themselves to save the language and demanding it. [6] Due to political interest, the language is currently recorded as a dialect of Hindi, [7] even when having a poor mutual intelligibility with it.

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